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Subject: RMST Inc.
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Dear Judge Smith,

Please find attached my statement in support of RMST Inc. in their efforts to recover the remains of the Marconi radio equipment from the wreck of the Titanic.

Yours Sincerely,

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Statement from Rory Golden

The recent announcement of plans by RMST Inc. to recover the remains of the Marconi radio equipment from the wreck of the Titanic has drawn a very mixed reaction, both positive and negative.

The Titanic continues to stir emotions, 108 years since its sinking in 1912. This fact alone shows that the story of the tragedy, unlike the ship itself, lives on.

It is clear to me that we must continue to educate the world about this story, especially children. The recovery, conservation and display of artifacts are part of this process.

As long as we respect the site of one of the worlds' greatest peacetime maritime disaster's , taking into account the feelings of those who have a direct connection with it, I believe it is correct to resume recovery operations. The volatile ocean floor will only accelerate the deterioration of what remains. Time is running out for the Titanic and its remaining secrets, we must act now to preserve as much as we can.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "R. Golden", with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

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